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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: VERNON J. BOULIGNY

SERIAL NO.: 09/289,375 ART UNIT: 3652

FILED: APRIL 9, 1999 EXAMINER: KRAMER, D

FOR: "TUBULAR RUNNING TOOL"

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 24, 2000, as extended by a two month

extension of time, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 4, 11, 12, 16-20, 33-36. The preceding cancellations were not necessitated by the prior art nor is Applicant surrendering any scope of the present invention because of the prior art.

B1 11 15. (Twice Amended) A tubular running tool connectable to a drilling rig assembly for inserting and selectively, internally gripping a tubular member/string, said tubular running tool comprising: